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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows. This listing of claims replaces all prior

versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for synchronizing a client having a client database with a

server having a server database, the method comprising:

calculating, for a plurality of times and a plurality of clients, a document score for each of

document in a plurality of documents in the server database, the each document score

designating an importance of the document to the client a respective one of the documents to a

respective one of the clients at one of the times;

initiating a synchronization task at the client one of the clients, the synchronization task

specifying a threshold value and identifying the server and the server database for

synchronization; and

transmitting one of the documents in the server database to the client based on a

comparison of the threshold value and a respective document score for a latest time.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting comprises

transmitting the one of the documents in the server database to the client if the respective

document score exceeds the threshold value.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising determining the threshold value

based on a data storage capacity of the client.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the calculating a document score

for one of the documents is determined from at least one of a time of creation of the document, a

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number of times the document has been read, a time of last access of the document[[,]] and an author of the document and a term in the document.

- 5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the calculating a document score is determined from a relationship between the <u>respective</u> document and another of the documents in the server database.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting comprises transmitting one of the documents in the server database to the client based on the respective document score if the one of the documents is not stored in the client database.
- (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising: determining if the client database includes a newly created document; and transmitting the newly created document to the server.
- (Original) The method of claim 7 further comprising assigning a document score having a maximum value to the newly created document.
- (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising: determining if the client database includes a modified document; and transmitting the modified document to the server.
- (Original) The method of claim 9 further comprising assigning a document score having a maximum value to the modified document.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the client database includes a plurality of client documents, the method further comprising designating for deletion one of the client documents based on a document score of a complementary document in the server database.

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12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the client database includes a plurality of

client documents, the method further comprising removing one of the client documents from the

client database based on a document score of a complementary document in the server database.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9 further comprising resolving a conflict between the

modified document in the client database and a modified document in the server database.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising removing the designation for

deletion based on a document score of the complementary document in the server database.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising increasing a data storage capacity

of the client by deleting the one of the client documents designated for deletion.

16. (Currently amended) A computer program product for use with a computer system

having a server with a server database, the server database storing a plurality of documents

accessible to a client, the computer program product comprising a computer useable medium

having embodied therein program code comprising:

program code for calculating, for a plurality of times and a plurality of clients, a

document score for each of the documents, the each document score designating an importance

of the document to a client a respective one of the documents to a respective one of the clients at

one of the times;

program code for initiating a synchronization task at the elient one of the clients, the

synchronization task specifying a threshold value and identifying the server and the server

database for synchronization; and

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program code for transmitting one of the documents in the server database to the client

based on a comparison of the threshold value and a respective document score for a latest time.

17. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 16 wherein the program

code embodied in the computer useable medium further comprises program code for determining

the threshold value, the one of the documents in the server database being transmitted to the

client if the respective document score exceeds the threshold value.

18. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 17 wherein the

determination of the threshold value is based on a data storage capacity of the client.

19. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 16 wherein the calculating

a document score for one of the documents is determined from at least one of a time of creation

of the document, a number of times the document has been read, a time of last access of the

document[[,]] and an author of the document and a term in the document.

20. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 16 wherein the calculating

a document score is determined from a relationship between the $\underline{\text{respective}}$ document and

another of the documents in the server database.

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23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

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26. (Currently amended) An apparatus for synchronizing a client having a client database with a server having a server database, the apparatus comprising:

means for calculating, for a plurality of times and a plurality of clients, a document score for each of document in a plurality of documents in the server database, the each document score designating an importance of the document to the client a respective one of the documents to a respective one of the clients at one of the times;

means for initiating a synchronization task at the client one of the clients, the synchronization task specifying a threshold value and identifying the server and the server database for synchronization; and

means for transmitting one of the documents in the server database to the client based on a comparison of the threshold value and a respective document score for a latest time.

27. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 26 further comprising means for determining the threshold value, the one of the documents in the server database being transmitted to the client if the respective document score exceeds the threshold value.